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EXAMINER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/586,797	Applicant(s) YI, YUN HYUNG	
	Examiner Tai V Nguyen	Art Unit 3729	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/6/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 28-36 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
2. Newly submitted Claims 28-36 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following for the reason set forth in the previous Office Action (paper No. 9)

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention (Species A), this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 28-36 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 13-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakurai et al (US 5491888).

Regarding claims 13 and 21, Sakurai et al discloses a method for surface mounting electrical components on a printed circuit board (PCB) with a surface mounter, comprising:

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locating a PCB (42, Fig 2) at a first (step 7, K1, Fig. 15) mounting position by moving the PCB in both the X and Y directions within a working area of the surface mounter; picking up a plurality of electrical components with a corresponding plurality of suction nozzles (column 7, lines 4-12); and moving the plurality of suction nozzles simultaneously to substantially simultaneously mount a plurality a electrical components on the PCB (column 8, lines 26-52).

Regarding claims 14 and 22, Sakurai et al discloses the PCB at a second mounting position within the working area of the surface mounter; and repeating (column 8, lines 47-52) the picking and moving steps.

Regarding claims 15 and 23, Sakurai et al discloses that the moving step comprises simultaneously moving the plurality of suction nozzles with respect to each other to mount the electrical components on the PCB (column 8, lines 13-25).

Regarding claims 16 and 24, Sakurai et al the moving step comprises simultaneously moving the plurality of suction nozzles with respect to each other in both the X and Y directions to mount the electrical components on the PCB (column 9, lines 39-59).

Regarding claims 17 and 25, Sakurai et al discloses the steps of checking the alignment of the electrical components held by the plurality of suction nozzles; and selectively rotating the suction nozzles and the held electrical components based on the results of the checking step before performing the moving step (column 7, lines 51-63).

Regarding claim18, Sakurai et al discloses the locating step comprises: transferring the PCB from a conveyer to a moving member; and locating the moving member at the first (column 8, lines 20-25) mounting position.

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Regarding claims 19 and 26, Sakurai et al discloses further the step of transferring the PCB from a first conveyer to a second conveyer before performing the locating step (column 6, lines 25-28 or step 1, Fig. 15).

Regarding claims 20 and 27, Sakurai et al discloses further the step of transferring the PCB from the second conveyer back to the first conveyer after performing the moving step (see column 6, lines 35-47)

Conclusion


5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai V Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-1791. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vo Peter can be reached on (703) 308-1789. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7307 for regular communications and (703) 305-3579 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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March 18, 2003


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PATENT EXAMINER